

Wildland fires in the audit work of

Tribunal de Contas da União (SAI Brazil)





Presentation structure

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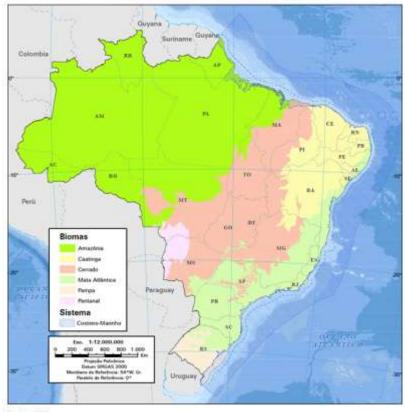






Brazilian Biomes

Biomas brasileiros

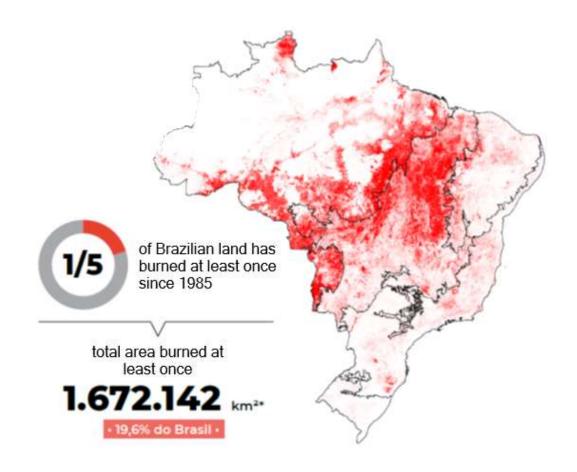


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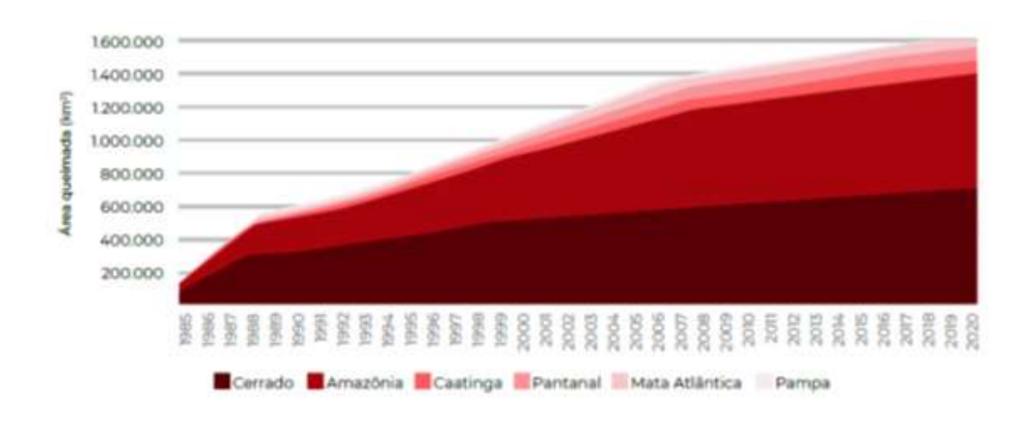
Burnt area in Brazil (1985-2020)







Area burned by biome







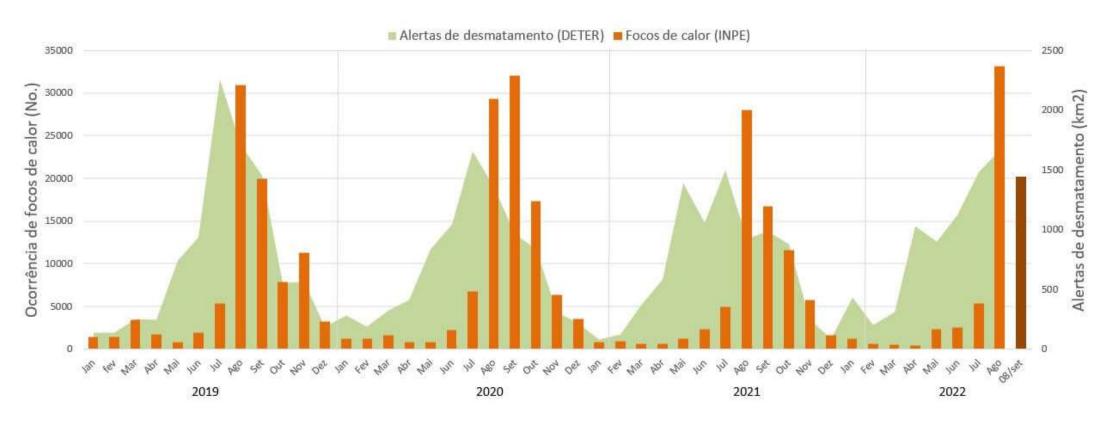
Slash-and-burn & Wildland fire

- Slash-and-burn (Queimadas): primitive farming method for land clearing
- Forest fires: accidental or man-made fires that break out of control





Deforestation and Fires in the Amazon







TCU Audits

Forest Fires

- Judgment 2.516/2011-Plenary
- Judgment 1.382/2013-Plenary
- Judgment 213/2016-Plenary

Deforestation in the Amazon

- Judgment 1.758/2021-Plenary
- Judgment 2.224/2022-Plenary



Main findings

Forest Fires

- Deficiencies in coordination and articulation
- Insufficient human, material and financial resources
- Insufficient investment in research and dissemination of alternatives to the use of fire in agricultural practices
- Absence of planning instruments in protected areas





Main findings

- Deforestation in the Amazon
 - Inadequacy of deforestation control plans
 - Lack of clear definition of the competences of the main actors
 - Decreased inspection capacity of Ibama (Federal Environmental Agency)





Main findings

- Deforestation in the Amazon
 - Coordination failures between the Ministry of Defense and Ibama
 - Lack of legal support for the use of the Armed Forces in the fight against environmental violations
 - Technical inadequacy of the coordination of actions to combat deforestation by the Armed Forces





TCU decisions

- Judgment 1.758/2021-Plenary
 - Recommendation to MMA and CNAP to improve the normativeinstitutional arrangement of the Amazon deforestation control policy
 - Determination to CNAL, MMA and Ibama for the adoption of measures with the objective of remedying or mitigating the identified weaknesses (inspection capacity and social communication)





Governance Structure (recent changes)

Component	Situation at the time of the audit	Current situation
Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon (PPCDAm)	Replaced in 2020 by a deforestation control plan in which deficiencies were detected	Restored in January/2023
Coordination of inspection actions in the Legal Amazon	Armed forces	Ibama (Federal Environmental Agency)
Collegiate body for defining interministerial actions to combat deforestation	Overlapping activities between the National Council for the Amazon (CNAL) and Conaveg	Permanent Interministerial Commission for the Prevention and Control of Deforestation
President of the collegiate body	Vice-Presidency (CNAL) and MMA (Conaveg)	Civil House of the Presidency of the Republic





Final considerations

- Fire degrades soil, deteriorates air quality, affects weather patterns, reduces biodiversity and harms human health
- Fires can reach public and private property
- In Brazil, there is a direct relationship between deforestation, burning and forest fires
- TCU continues to act in the evaluation of government action in combating deforestation and forest fires







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Thank you very

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